

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 242

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Old Oak Festival of Greeneville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those events that promote local arts, entertain and educate our citizens, and celebrate the history and culture of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Old Oak Festival of Greeneville is one such notable event that will be taking place on the campus of Tusculum College on April 19-22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, this exciting event harkens back to the original Old Oak Folk Festival, which ran from 1977-1991, and aims to educate the public on the rich cultural heritage of Appalachia through arts and crafts, music, theater, and literature; and

WHEREAS, on Friday and Saturday, Country Home Accessories will be sponsoring a Quilt Show, selling and displaying more than 150 quilts by local quilters and presenting selections from the antique collection of Jaunetta Swatzell, thirty-year quilt collector and owner of Country Home Accessories; and

WHEREAS, the Old Oak Festival will also feature a wide array of musical acts, such as The Mudbugs, the Great Smokey Mountain Blue Grass Band, and Jimmie D and the B Movie Blues, performing anything from acoustic rock and blues to bluegrass, jazz, and gospel; and

WHEREAS, art vendors will also be on site to share their work, which may include glass and metal jewelry from Jewelry by Gloria, ink prints from Ben Clark, crochet rugs from the Crafty Lady, woodcarving lessons from the Evergreen Woodcarvers, and projects by Tusculum College art students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to art and music, the festival will be presenting three performances of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which tells the heart wrenching story of the young Jewish teen and her family in hiding during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, on the opening night of the festival, Tusculum College will be hosting a launch party for the *Tusculum Review*, a faculty- and student-run literary journal that publishes the best fiction, non-fiction, art, and poetry from writers all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, another exciting feature will be “Author’s Row”, which will consist of several local and regional authors available to sign copies of their work; and

WHEREAS, campus museums will provide many learning opportunities, such as the Civil War exhibit “Scholars then Soldiers” at the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library and performances and workshops by balladeer and storyteller Shelia Kay Adams and musician Judy Rhodes at the Doak House Museum; and

WHEREAS, another special experience provided by the college is the Big Box Project, an exhibition of video art by Professor Chris Jacek and students in his digital media department, in which the use of projection creates an enclosed video room that offers both surround sound and surround vision; and

WHEREAS, plenty of food vendors will also attend to provide attendees with a smorgasbord of popular festival fare like hot dogs, Philly cheese steak sandwiches, and kettlecorn as well as veggie wraps and strawberry shortcake; and

WHEREAS, adults and children alike will enjoy the many activities and storytelling performances that will be taking place at this diverse and entertaining event; and

WHEREAS, the Old Oak Festival of Greeneville will protect and promote the rich Appalachian culture of East Tennessee and, through its dedication to preserving our history, bring great honor to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and recognize the Old Oak Festival of Greeneville and Tusculum College and encourage all

Tennesseans to join in celebrating the return of this wonderful event and its promotion of Appalachian culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.